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SUMMARY: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD'S FIRST
OFFICIAL VISIT ABROAD, TO DENMARK ON NOVEMBER 25, LASTED
LESS THAN 12 HOURS. THE VISIT, NEVERTHELESS, PROVIDED AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF THE
EUROPEAN COUNCIL (NOV. 29-30) AND GAVE THE DANES A CHANCE
TO SOLICIT, UNSUCCESSFULLY, FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE KREISKY
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PLAN. END SUMMARY

1. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD VISITED DENMARK ON NOVEMBER 25 ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OUTSIDE OF FRANCE. THE DANES WERE PLEASED THAT HE CHOSE TO TAKE UP AN OUTSTANDING INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIS PREDECESSOR, BUT THE PRICE FOR BEING FIRST WAS A VERY SHORT VISIT. DURING HIS BRIEF STAY, HE MANAGED TO CALL ON THE QUEEN, HOLD TALKS WITH HIS DANISH COUNTERPARTS, FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER IVAR NORGAARD, AND PARTICIPATE IN A GALA DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

2. THE VISIT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING, NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE HAGUE, AND THE TINDEMANS REPORT IN PARTICULAR. THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE EC WERE DISCUSSED AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO OUR FONOFF SOURCE, GUIRINGAUD EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN SHELIVING THE TINDEMANS REPORT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THIS COULD CAUSE IN FRANCE IN ITS EFFORT TO ACHIEVE DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE DANES EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FRENCH POSITION, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE AREAS TOUCHED ON IN THE REPORT, SUCH AS POLITICAL COOPERATION, WHERE THE DANES WOULD PREFER TO GO FURTHER.

3. THE DCM WAS TOLD BY HIS FRENCH COUNTERPART THAT GUIRINGAUD VOICED SOME CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DAISH UN VOTE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO. AT THE SAME TIME THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DISPLAYED COMPREHENSION OF THE DANISH POSITION ON THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT A SOVEREIGN FOREIGN POLICY. K.B. ADERSEN ALSO RESTATED DANISH INSISTENCE ON DEVIATING FROM COMMON EC POSITIONS IF DENMARK'S INTERESTS REQUIRED SUCH BEHAVIOR.

4. ANDERSEN EXPLAINED TO GUIRINGAUD DENMARK'S CONCERN FOR A WIDER CONSULTATION PROCEDURE OUTSIDE THE EC, ALONG THE LINES OF THE KREISKY PLAN, TO INSURE INCLUSION OF NORIC AND NEUTRAL VIEWS IN EC CONSIDERED OFFICIAL USE
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ERATIONS. ACCORDING TO BOTH OUR FOREIGN OFFICE AND FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCES, GUIRINGAUD WAS NOT VERY TAKEN BY THIS PROPOSAL, NOR DID THE DANES REGISTER PARTICULAR DISAPPOINTMENT. THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE BROADER CONSULTATIONS VIA INCREASED BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS.
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